

Advanced Conversation - Underground Apartments

Warm-up Questions

1. What do you know about South Korea?
2. Would you like to visit South Korea?
3. Have you seen or heard of the movie Parasite? If yes, what do you know about it?
4. What do you think a basement apartment is?
5. What do you think the positives and negatives of living in a basement apartment could be?



Vocabulary

MATCH THE VOCABULARY WITH THE DEFINITIONS.

Vocabulary	Definitions
1. basement	a. the capital city of Korea
2. kick somebody out	b. to make someone leave
3. flood	c. a building material made of broken stone or gravel
4. Seoul	d. housing provided for people with low incomes by the government
5. concrete	e. the floor of a building that's underground.
6. social housing	f. when a large amount of water covers an area.

Now watch the video: "Seoul promises to ban "Parasite"-style banjiha underground apartments"

Comprehension Questions

1. What city is the video talking about?
2. What is a semi-basement apartment?
3. Why are they dangerous?
4. What is the government planning to do about them?
5. Where did the family live before they lived in the semi-basement apartment?
6. How does the son in this family feel about living in this apartment? How does his mother feel?
7. What is the job of the young man who lives by himself?
8. Where was the young man when his apartment was flooded?
9. The elderly woman doesn't live in a basement apartment. Why was she in the video?
10. Why does the elderly woman need money?

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn about Seoul's basement apartments from the video?
2. Why do these apartments exist?
3. Do you think they're necessary? Why or why not?
4. Do you think the government is right to get rid of them? Why or why not?
5. Do you think the government should do anything else about this situation? If so, what? If not, why not?
6. How do you feel about the young man's situation? How about the family? How about the elderly woman?
7. The elderly woman said that she hoped the problem would be solved, but not in this generation, the next generation? What do you think about this statement?
8. If the government does get rid of these apartments, what do you think each of these people should do?
9. Is there similar housing where you live? If yes, what do you think about this housing?
10. Is there social housing where you live? If yes, what do you think about this housing?
11. Have you or anyone you know ever lived in a basement apartment? What did you/they think?
12. Would you ever live in a basement apartment? Why or why not?
13. What do you think the struggles of living in an apartment like the ones pictured in the video would be?
14. Are there any positives to living in such an apartment? If yes, what are they?
15. If you were to live in a basement or semi-basement apartment, what would you do to combat some of the struggles of such a living situation?